

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph directly following the title on page 1 of the specification, which claims priority to earlier applications, with the following paragraph:

– This application is a continuation of international application Serial No. PCT/BR01/00083 filed July 3, 2001, published in English, which claims priority to Brazilian patent applications PI 0002989-0 filed July 3, 2000 and PI 0102648-8 filed July 3, 2001. –